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did not reach the target fixed and that application of this rule might affect further development. In December 1952, it was brought to the notice of the Government that on account of this concession, the revenue authorities could not prevent irrigation of some high level lands by cross-bunding of channels, etc., to the detriment of the regular ayacut. After consulting the Board of Revenue and the Chief Engineer (Irrigation), the Government ordered that relaxation of this penal rule should not be resorted to from fasli 1364 and that the extent of 6,507 acres which had been so far irrigated without permission should be dealt with on merits of each case pending inclusion in the ayacut. On receipt of numerous representations from the ryots all over the district protesting against the levy of penal water cess Rs. 150 per acre, the Collector of Tanjore has stayed the collection of penalty pending final orders of the Government in the matter. The whole question is being re-examined now."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—"இவ்வருஷம், அதாவது 1955 56-ல் கூட, ஒரு ஏகராவுக்கு ரூபாய் 150 வீதம் தண்ணீர் வரி கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று சொல்லி, கிராமத்தில் இருக்கக்கூடிய அதிகாரிகள் நோட்டீஸ் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். இதனால் பழையபடி கிராமங்களில் விவசாயிகளிடத்தில் பெரிய பீதி வளர்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகையினால் இந்த விஷயத்தில் சர்க்கார் இறுதியாக முடிவு செய்யும் வரையில் விவசாயிகளுக்கு இம்மாதிரியான நோட்டீஸ்கள் கொடுக்கக்கூடாது என்று சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு போடுவார்களா ?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"I have already stated that the Collector of Tanjore has stayed the collection of penalty pending final orders of the Government in the matter."

School fees in Government schools

* 2131 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether standard rates of school fees are fixed for students in Government schools by the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government aided institutions are instructed to adopt these rates?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(*b*) No, Sir."

(Question No. 2132 to be taken up on 20th August 1955.)

Lands made cultivable on the slopes of 'Agamalai'

* 2133 *Q.*—Sri V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of acres of land that were brought under cultivation by the landless poor on the slopes of 'Agamalai' near Bodinayakkanur in Madurai district?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—"218·53 acres."